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In re the application of:

BOYD et al.

Application No. 09/678,423

Filed: October 2, 2000

For: WEB-STYLE CONDITIONING SYSTEM
AND METHODS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE
SAME



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Examiner: H. Shakeri

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, dated September 19, 2002. Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. All pending claims after this Amendment are in clean form and are listed below for the convenience of the Examiner. Attached hereto as a separate document is the "Marked-Up Claims," showing amendments using bracketing and underlining.

Please delete claims 3, 7, and 15, and add new independent claim 27.

1. (Twice-Amended) A polishing pad conditioner for use in a chemical mechanical polishing (CMP) apparatus, comprising: